To the Inhabitants of WORCESTER.

WHEN a Noble Lord has, in a ſenſible and ſpirited Addreſs, declared his abhorrence of a meaſure; when the City of Gloucester, the Towns of Shrewſbury and Tewkeſbury have repeatedly publiſhed their determined Negative to the propoſed *alteration of the River Severn*, Why do the Citizens of Worceſter remain ſilent, and the Rulers of the City continue their wonted ſupineneſs and inactivity? Such conduct ill becomes them at a time when the welfare of the preſent and future ages demands their immediate exertion, in favour of a people to whom the laws have appointed them, Guardians and Protectors.

When your Rights and Privileges are in danger, the duty and neceſſity of applying to your Repreſentatives in Parliament for redreſs is beyond controverſy: awake from your preſent lethargy and give them inſtructions, "*That you confidently expect their duty and inclination will concur to give every poſſible oppoſition to this odious Bill;—a Bill calculated to enrich individuals, and to injure the trade and commerce of the Country, by impoſing a heavy tonnage upon this free River.*"

It is not poſſible to ſuppoſe they will ſo far forget themſelves as to hold an opinion contrary to the true intereſt and wiſh of their Conſtituents; but ſhould either of them (*for there is nothing impoſſible*) dare to inſult your confidence, let him be removed, and let another take his office.

I entreat you to be active in this time of need; your common avocations will prove a wretched plea in excuſe for inattention, when the freedom of the ſecond river in the kingdom is under deliberation; and a ſingle voice in Parliament may either ruin or reſtore this invaluable bleſſing.

Remember, when events turn upon numbers, Cyphers in their place become conſiderable.———An Empty Head is more dangerous than an Empty Seat; or (in other words) Better you have no Repreſentatives, better no Magiſtrates, than ſuch who do not their utmoſt to watch and protect your rights and privileges as Engliſhmen and Citizens.

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